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1. ELD PRESIDENT AND GENERAL DIRECTOR, MR. VICTOR LECORGNE-DOMMERGUE, CAME TO EMBASSY FOR INTERVIEW ON 16 DECEMBER. HE CONFIRMED THAT EQUIPMENT ORDERED THROUGH SOCIE WAS ORIGINALLY DESTINED FOR FACTORY (SOGIE) IN CHATEAU-RENAULD. UNTIL RECENT RESIGNATION, LECORGNE WAS A CONSULTING ENGINEER AND MINORITY SHARE HOLDER OF SOGIE. HE HAD PLANNED TO PURCHASE FACTORY AND EXPAND IT INTO NEW ELD PRODUCTION FACILITY. SINCE ORDERING NEW EQUIPMENT LECORGNE CLAIMS HE HAS HAD TO CHANGE HIS PLANS AND HAS BEGUN CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PLANT (ELD) AT A NEW INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATION NEAR ANGOULEME, FRANCE. LECORGNE STATED FACTORY WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN SEPTEMBER 1976, NOT BY APRIL 1976 AS STATED BY BACQUEY. IT WILL EMPLOY UP TO FIFTY PERSONS AND WILL PRODUCE MICRO-ELECTRONICS, PASSIVE COMPONENTS, CONNECTORS, SWITCHES, RELAYS, AND ELECTRICAL TERMINALS. HE STATED THAT SOME OF HIS PRODUCTS ARE DESTINED FOR MILITARY USE IN MISSILES. HE DID NOT MENTION POSSIBLE

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MANUFACTURE OF WATCH COMPONENTS OR LUMINOUS DIODES

AS NOTED IN REFTEL B. ELD'S CURRENT CATALOGUE CARRIES MODULAR CONNECTORS FOR PRINTED CIRCUITS WHICH LECORGNE SAYS ARE PRODUCED THROUGH SUB-CONTRACTORS. ELD IS ALSO DISTRIBUTOR FOR WINCHESTER ELECTRONICS OF LITTON INTERCONNECTION PRODUCTS DIVISION, IN ADDITION TO FIRMS NOTED IN WTDR.

3. LECORGNE WAS UNABLE TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT HOW NEW EQUIPMENT ON ORDER WOULD BE USED IN FACTORY CLAIMING THIS WAS UP TO HIS ENGINEERS. HE INDICATED ONLY A VAGUE KNOWLEDGE OF THE VALUE OF THE COMPONENTS ON ORDER. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHY HE HAD ORDERED SO EARLY PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF FACTORY HE NOTED LONG DELIVERY TIMES. HE DID NOT APPEAR TO APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE OF BEING VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT END-USER LOCATION. EMBOFF STRESSED NECESSITY OF INFORMING U.S. EXPORTING FIRMS OF ANY CHANGES IN APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDED HE GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF END-USE THROUGH PURCHASER (SOCIE) AT EARLIEST DATE. HE AGREED TO DO THIS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS LICENSE APPLICATIONS NOT BE APPROVED UNTIL PROPER CORRECTIONS REGARDING END-USE ARE COMPLETED.

4. LECORGNE DESCRIBED TEXAS OFFICE, MCA TRONICS, MR. DICK MURPHY, MANAGER, DALLAS 75229, TEL: (214) 350-49-57, AS A PURCHASING AGENT THROUGH WHICH HE INDIRECTLY ORDERS VIA A BELGIUM FIRM.

5. LECORGNE UNABLE TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE DETAILS OF 1400 AX WAFER LASER BUT AGREED TO PROVIDE THEM BY LETTER. WILL ADVISE UPON RECEIPT.
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